

THE ASTORIA RAILWAY

It Will Be Pushed to Completion Without Any Delay.

A SURPRISE AT MURRAY, IDAHO.

Judge Holleman Refused a Change of Venue in Reed's Case.

LOOK AHEAD TO LONDON TROUBLE

Societies of the Riot Five Years Ago, Set a Day for a Demonstration.

ASTORIA, Oct. 17.—A Portland paper publishes an article stating that a contract has been signed by the subsidy guarantee company and Corey Bros. for the completion of the Astoria and Portland railroad, and Corey Bros. have taken up all the leins upon the roads and will pay them and proceed immediately to finish the road, and that they have been granted an extension of time for its completion to December, 1893. To verify the article the correspondent called on one of the contractors. He stated that his associates were negotiating with the subsidy company, but no contract had been signed and nothing official had yet been given out for publication. Mr. Goss has notified the contractors that he is unable to raise their lein on the road, and that the road therefore reverts to the contractors. The gentleman stated that were they to contract for building the road, their first move would be to finish the road from Astoria to Seaside. The gentleman stated that nothing official would be given to the public for some time.

A Surprise in Murray.

MURRAY, Idaho, Oct. 17.—Much to the surprise of everybody about the courtroom, the change of venue in the case of Frank Reed, charged with the murder of George R. Trask, was denied by Judge Holleman in open court Saturday. A large part of the day was spent in reading affidavits, some to the effect that a state of public feeling amounting almost to philanthropy exists and about an equal number to the exact contrary. Able arguments were made by District Attorney O'Neil and his associate against the change, and replied to by Judges Hagan and Ganahl, but for some reason not apparent to the public the judge denied the motion in defiance of the presence of these affidavits, showing the very state of feeling which the prosecution denied. Judge Ganahl added to his fame by his forceful eloquence in defense of his client.

A Labor Demonstration.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The workmen's club and socialist societies which figured in the Trafalgar riot five years ago will reassert their right to hold a public meeting there by a monster demonstration Sunday, November 13th, with which it is presumed the government will not interfere. The leaders of the present demonstration are the old set. Philanthropic and respectable socialists declare that if the home secretary prohibits the meetings they will withdraw. The workmen's club insists on defying government prohibition. The promoters of the affair are embarrassed by receiving an intimation from the German and French socialist club, notoriously of an anarchistic character, that they will join the ranks on the occasion.

Where do They Pay Taxes.

A traveler asks the question: "Did you ever hear tell of a Pullman sleeping car agent paying a cent of taxes in the state of Oregon?"

Never heard of it. But have heard that they claim millions of exemption in Illinois upon property assessed in other states.

The impositions of the Pullman company upon the traveling public have long escaped proper ventilation.

"If ever there was an imposition on the traveling public the Pullman sleeping car outrage is the chief. I had occasion," says a traveler in the Telegram, "to go from Portland to Eastern Oregon recently, and found it most convenient to take the day train. Owing to the crowded condition of the day coaches, I was compelled to pay in addition to the outrageous rate of 4 cents per mile railroad fare \$1.25 to sit in a Pullman to Pendleton. Now, think of it—\$2 to \$2.50 is demanded for a berth for one night when our princely host Leland, of the palatial Portland, will furnish you with a large, handsomely furnished room for \$1.50. I say it is high time the public rise as one man and down this gigantic octopus. All other business has competition, and supply and demand regulate prices. Not so with this gigantic monopoly. One dollar and fifty cents for lower berths and \$1 for uppers, is my motto."

It is quite time the subject was agitated, and THE CHRONICLE suggests that this be one of the very first measures to come before the Oregon assembly, at Salem next January.

Latest News in Brief.

No matter how hopefully the doctors' statements are made to sound every day, there is never a moment passes for the White House family that is not filled with the deepest anxiety. Mrs. Harrison became so weak yesterday that the slightest change may mean the end.

The United States supreme court, by Chief Justice Fuller, yesterday reaffirmed the judgment of the Michigan supreme court, upholding the constitutionality of the famous Miner law, providing for a choice of presidential electors by congressional districts instead of by the state as a whole.

The Olympia supreme court decided yesterday against Judge Bloomfield, of Vancouver, in the mandamus proceeding instituted by him to compel the secretary of state to certify to the proper officers that he was the regular nominee of the republican party for the office of superior judge for the counties of Clarke, Cowlitz and Skamania. This case has attracted wide attention because it raised the question, for the first time under the new ballot law, as to what constitutes a regular party nomination.

The Idaho Supreme Justices Sullivan, Morgan and Huston met in chambers at Boise City yesterday to consult in regard to the test oath case, which was argued in Lewiston last week. They will today hand down a written decision upholding the laws, which prevent 2000 persons, who felt sure they would be allowed to vote, from exercising the elective franchise at next month's general election. Last week Judge Stockslager rendered such a decision that the Mormons thought they had solved the problem, so the action of the supreme court will be a great disappointment to them. Had they been allowed to vote democratic gains would have resulted.

Chronicle Snap Shots.

Hide a friend in private and praise him in public.

Friendship is a shield that blunts the darts of adversity.

Solitude causes us to write because it causes us to think.

He is a king who fears nothing. He is a king who desired nothing.

Whoever has loved knows all that life contains of sorrows and of joy.

It is too late to be on our guard when we are in the midst of misfortunes.

Sow seeds in the furrows of time—seeds of benevolence and charitable deeds—and they will grow and ripen to everlasting felicities.

What King Charles Threw Away.

New York World. Though a king can do no wrong, he may occasionally make a bad bargain. When Charles I ruled over England, his exchequer—always at low ebb, became so nearly empty that he disposed of his thirty-six shares in the New River company, in consideration of an annual payment of £500, to be made to himself and his heirs, as long as the company should exist. This £500 a year is still paid into the royal treasury, but each individual share of the stock now earns £2,600 a year, an increase of unearned increment beside which Chemical bank stock is nowhere. In other words, the unlucky king sold for \$2,500 a year property that now realizes \$468,000 in annual profits.

Fatal Fire in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Fifteen dwellings and stores were burned and two women killed in Englewood, in the southern part of the city, this morning. The financial loss is \$80,000. Mrs. W. K. Butler, though not really in danger, jumped from a third-story window, striking on her head, and was instantly killed. John Howard, an employe in a bakery, where the fire started, was burned to death. A woman and child in one of the burned buildings are not accounted for.

It is a Daisy.

Klamath Star. The Independence West Side plant was picked up last week by E. C. Pentland, who first planted it, and it is now being brushed so successfully that its fragrant calyx is peeping forth and proclaiming that it is a daisy yet. The Willamette valley has now no finer-looking county paper than the West Side.

A Big Truth in Small Space.

Astorian. Score one for Oregon. The average yield of wheat throughout the country is 13 bushels per acre, while that of Oregon is 15.7. With better calculation the yield would be still larger.

A CHILEAN TROUBLE.

The Bark Augusta Fired on When Leaving Puget Sound.

PORT TOWNSEND VS. TACOMA PORT.

International Difficulties May Follow Consular Complications.

TOO MANY ASPIRING SEA PORTS.

Mrs. Harrison Improving—A Fortune in a Hovel—A Miserly Father—Other News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—A Port Townsend dispatch says the Chilean bark Augusta was fired upon late Sunday night in the straits four miles below by the revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott, for attempting to leave Puget sound without a custom-house clearance. The Augusta arrived at Townsend several weeks ago from Chili. She surrendered her register to Chilean Consul Macondray and then proceeded to Tacoma to load cargo. Vice-Chilean Consul de Lion at Tacoma advised the captain to demand his register from Macondray, and if refused, to proceed to sea with a temporary register provided by de Lion. Macondray instructed the vessel to clear from Townsend. As the vessel was going to sea the Wolcott overhauled her and she refused to heave-to until fired upon. The vessel is subject to a fine of \$500. The trouble was occasioned by jealousy between Macondray and De Lion in relation to one of them shall act for the transaction of Chilean business on Puget sound.

Mrs. Harrison a Little Better.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—It is said at the White House, Mrs. Harrison passed a fairly comfortable night and this morning is stronger, brighter and livelier than at any time within the past three days. Dr. Gardner paid a visit to Mrs. Harrison at noon. He said that although she was better this afternoon she nevertheless is steadily losing ground. She displayed a great deal of vitality, and is not so exhausted as the public seemed to think. He thought she might linger a month yet, unless some unforeseen complication arose.

A Miserly Father.

LEWES, Del., Oct. 18.—The county authorities have taken charge of John Allen's effects. He died at Bethel on the 8th, near here, in a freight car, which he had purchased for a few dollars. In this hovel he reared a large family of children and conducted a small store, tobacco and cider being his principal stock in trade. After his death, a committee to take an inventory of his effects was appointed by the orphans' court. They found bank and railroad stocks amounting to several thousands of dollars. In an old box was found nearly \$20,000 in gold coin. Allen had three daughters who were compelled to go out at service, doing kitchen work.

Railway Land Surveys.

Oregonian. The appropriations placed at the disposal of Surveyor General Byars for the survey of public lands are divided into two portions, one for the survey of lands within railroad grants and the other for lands outside of such grants. In case a railroad could not find land sufficient within the lines of its grants it was allowed to go 10 miles outside to secure them, and there was some doubt as to what fund was available for the survey of this land. On applying to the commissioner of the general land office he is informed that the appropriation for the survey of lands within railroad grants cannot be used for lands without the primary limits of such grants. Any surveys in the 10-mile limit must be paid for from the outside appropriation.

Going to Work at Homestead.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Oct. 18.—The largest number of Homesteaders returned to work yesterday which has yet applied in the same length of time. The men were all given employment, and the intimation was given out that many other local steel workers would be taken back when they applied. The advisory committee insists the desertions are unimportant.

Germans in East Africa.

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—Baron von Soden, governor of German East Africa, has telegraphed that Lieut. Breuninger and four men were killed October 6th in conflict with the Wahebe tribe. The attack upon the Germans was made in the open country near Kilossa. Reports that the Wahebes pillaged the German station at Ninwanwa are incorrect.

A Military Post at Helena.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—A board of officers, headed by Brigadier-General Merrill, will meet at Helena, Mont., on November 1st, to select a site for a military post at that place.

THE PORTLAND EXPOSITION.

Most Valuable and Successful Fair Drawing to a Close.

Oregonian. The fourth annual fair of the Portland Industrial Exposition is drawing to a close, and while it has created no local furor, it has been the most valuable and successful in the history of the society. With the exception of such business men as use the fair as a means of making their enterprises familiar to the people, its value and importance are little realized by the people of Portland. It is not for the purpose of maintaining a place of pleasant resort the gentlemen managing this enterprise devote to it so much time, thought and energy. The music and special attractions are provided to draw attendance and help the finances of the society, but they are merely incidental and to a degree extraneous. The chief object is the display of the resources and prosperity of the city and state, as a means of attracting attention to them and thus leading to more rapid growth in wealth, population and industries. For this object the attendance of strangers is of great importance.

Another object is to knit more firmly the bond between the city and country, and with this end in view special effort is made to provide facilities for the attendance of the residents of every section of the state. Aside from the financial feature, a large attendance of our own people furthers both of these objects, since it creates a favorable impression upon strangers from other states, and stimulates the pride and friendly interest of those who may be present from other portions of Oregon.

The fair is doing a good work. The exhibition of Oregon's resources is extensive, and cannot fail to impress every one who sees it. The people of Portland are proud to be able to maintain such an institution, and those of other localities are equally proud of their enterprising and prosperous metropolis. If the same energy and business sagacity the managers of the Portland Industrial Exposition display in this home enterprise were bestowed also upon a display of the resources of Oregon at the world's fair, the state would reap a rich reward.

COLUMBUS DAY.

Flag Troubles in Newark N. J., and Batavia, N. Y.

A dispatch from Newark, yesterday says a sensation was caused at a convention of the Catholic societies, when ex-Alderman John Bruder, of Harrison, spoke upon the question of carrying flags in the Columbus celebration there on October 21st. A motion had been made to permit societies to carry any national flag in the parade, providing that the stars and stripes were allowed to precede them. The ex-alderman, who is a German, arose and, taking up a position in the center aisle, said impressively: "We should have the papal flag first. We are Catholics first, and Americans afterward." A silence followed which was oppressive. It was, however, decided that the resolution should permit all societies to carry any flag they wanted, but the American flag should go first.

At Batavia, N. Y., yesterday everybody threw out flags in honor of Columbus day. An Englishman, named Williams, who has lived there fifteen years, but has never been naturalized, ran up the British flag. His neighbors objected to his displaying the flag alone and asked him to put up an American flag with it. Williams said the British flag was going to stay right where it was, and alone. He wouldn't put up the flag of any country whose people were in the habit of making fun of English, English institutions and Queen Victoria, as Americans were. The neighbors then got a lot of Roman candles and began to bombard the Englishman. He escaped into his house and they turned the candles upon the flag, burning and tearing it to shreds. Williams then ran up the stars and stripes.

A VERY FOOLISH GIEL.

Charles Kee, Hip Lang, Quong Chan, et al. entertain.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Dr. Gee Who Chan, of Omaha, was married in this city last night to Miss Belle Dewitt, also of Omaha. Dr. Chan is said to be one of the wealthiest Chinamen in this country. The bride is young and pretty, and comes of a highly respected family. Dr. Chan and bride were entertained last evening by Charles Kee, Hip Lang Quong Chan and other prominent Mongolians in this city.

Number of Lives Lost.

HONG KONG, Oct. 18.—The chief officer of the steamer Bokhara, wrecked in Fukien channel, has arrived here. He says of the crew 102 are missing, and are almost certainly lost, among them the captain, second officer, four engineers, the stewards and 70 natives. Of the passengers, eight military men and twelve civilians are lost. The cargo of the Bokhara consisted of \$200,000 in treasure, 1,000 bales of silk, and 800 tons of general merchandise.

Then They Balk.

Klamath Star. United States Minister Patrick Egan believes the bulk of the Irish vote will be cast for Harrison this fall. The Irish are willing to pull for anything American, but when it comes to pulling our markets over to John Bull it looks too English you know, and they get balky.

LOST IN A TYPHOON.

The Peninsular and Oriental Steamer Bokhara Wrecked.

NEARLY ALL ON BOARD DROWNED.

Hatches Torn off by Cross Seas and the Hold Filled With Water.

IMPOSSIBLE TO LAUNCH BOATS.

Drifted Upon an Island and Went to Pieces—The Exact Number Lost Unknown.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—A dispatch from Hongkong says that the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Bokhara which left Shanghai for Hongkong on the 8th, went to pieces on an island in a typhoon. As she was overdue, the company sent the steamer Bombay and the British cruiser Porpoise in search of her. They bring intelligence that she was wrecked on Sand island, between the island of Formosa and the Chinese mainland, in the line of the fearful typhoons which sweep that portion of the world. She carried a large number of both cabin and steerage passengers, besides a crew. All on board were drowned, except twenty-three. After battling long in the terrible cross sea which broke over her constantly, the hatches were torn off, the hold filled with water, and fires were put out and she drifted upon an island and went to pieces. It was impossible to launch the boats, and of those on board only twenty-three were able to cling to the wreck till the storm subsided. The exact number lost is not known. The Bokhara was a fine steamer, of 3,000 tons burden. The cargo was very valuable, consisting, in addition to the mails, of a large amount of specie and a heavy consignment of silk.

Chicago Horse Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—J. S. Cooper, commission salesman of horses, Union Stock Yards, says: The market on all kinds of small horses was very dull and lower, and difficult to sell at anything like satisfactory prices. Heavy draft horses, on the contrary, even if slightly blemished, sold unusually well and freely. The demand for these has become very pronounced, and the prospects indicate an active trade in loggers for the next couple months. The receipts of range horses has been larger than for some time, and prices ruling from \$30 to \$50.

Corbett's Big Fish.

LIMA, O., Oct. 17.—While Corbett was at Toledo, the Libby glass works obtained a plaster cut of his right hand. From this model glass paper weights will be made to be placed on exhibition and sold at the Chicago fair with an affidavit from the champion.

A Bountiful Collection.

Walla Walla Union. G. E. Richardson was the name of the tramp, "much more picturesque than prepossessing in his personal appearance," who saved the destruction of a train on the Union Pacific on the 7th. Richardson, tramping his tramp on the track, found that sliding rocks from an adjacent mountain side had covered the rails. He started to remove the rocks, but lighted a fire on the track as a signal. This was seen by the engineer, but not in time to prevent striking the rocks, which derailed a pair of trucks under the engine and another under the tender. A locomotive was sent from Pendleton, and the train brought on after a few hours delay. If no warning had been given, the train would have been thrown off the track, down the embankment, 100 feet into the river. Many passengers were on board, and a frightful loss of life would inevitably have resulted. A bountiful collection was taken up amounting to \$8. for the tramp.

The Episcopal Council.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 18.—In the Episcopal council this morning a resolution was adopted that a petition be addressed to the various governments in favor of international differences. The petition is to be distributed for signatures among Christian societies assembled at Chicago during the world's fair.

A Faithless Woman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—L. S. Johnson, a barber 31 years of age, committed suicide last night by asphyxiation. Johnson was in love with a woman on whom he is said to have expended a large sum of money during an illness of some months, after which she discarded him for another man.

Attacked by Phylloxera.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—Phylloxera has attacked the vines in Lusigny and other districts in the department of Aube.

Uprising in the Congo State.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 18.—Advices are received of a fresh native uprising in the Congo state.

WASCO KEEPS THE LEAD.

The Rural Northwest Tells of the Fruit Exhibit in Portland.

The exhibition of fruits at the Portland exposition is, perhaps, a matter of more importance to the fruit-growing interests of the state than is generally thought. Its importance is found in the impression which it makes upon the strangers who visit the exposition. The number of eastern people who visit the exposition during the time that it is open is large. Every day a considerable number are found carefully looking at the fruit on the tables and in the jars. These visitors, when they return to their homes in the east, will have a good deal to say about what they saw here, and the opinions which they form and express about our fruit will have a good deal of weight in forming a general opinion in the east upon that point. In this connection it was a wise and useful movement on the part of the management of the exposition in employing Secretary Sargent, of the Oregon state horticultural society, to look after the horticultural exhibit, and call the attention of strangers to its merits. In a broad way the exhibit is creditable to the state. And yet it must be said that its merits lie chiefly in the Wasco county exhibit and in the collection of bottled fruit prepared by Secretary Allen, of the state board of horticulture. Nearly 1,300 plates of fruit, besides some 500 museum jars, together with the mass of grapes used in the construction of the grape cottage, make a large showing. If Marion, Washington, Yamhill, Lane, Josephine, Benton and Jackson counties had come in with displays, as they undoubtedly would have done if fruit had not proved such a failure in Western Oregon this year, it is hard to imagine where room would have been found for all the fruit. Umatilla county might have made a display, but failed to appreciate its opportunity.

The fruits best represented in the display were grapes and apples. Wasco county came out particularly strong with these two fruits, the grapes coming from The Dalles, while most of the apples came from the Hood river district. It must be said to the credit of the Wasco county exhibit that it was entirely free from defective or worm eaten fruit—a statement which could not be made about all of the fruit on exhibition.

Personal Paragraphs.

It is said that Ann O'Delia Dize Debar, the spook priestess, is alive and living in New York under an assumed name.

Mme. Bourinne, whom the Grand Duke Nicholas married at Toula, was born a serf, it is stated, as was her first husband.

Moses Boyd, aged 78, is conductor on a suburban train from Dedham to Boston and is probably the oldest conductor in the country.

Charles Ashton, a London policeman, has received a prize of \$250 for an unpublished bibliography of Welsh literature from 1801 to 1890.

Rev. A. N. Keigwin, a Presbyterian minister of Wilmington, Del., prophesies the end of the world in 1897. He has been preaching sermons for some time past with the special object of preparing his flock for the event.

One of the most successful florists of this country is Mrs. Charles H. Wilson of Cleveland, Ohio. This enterprising woman commenced the business over 10 years ago, at a time when she found it necessary to increase her income.

Miss Annie Shepard Spooner, aged 18, has published Around the Lamp, a monthly paper for young people, for three years at home in Hillsdale, N. H. She has always had a wish to edit a paper and is much interested in the work. She sets her own type, solicits her own advertisements, and is said to have 4,000 subscribers.

The friends of Archduke Joseph of Austria have had much fun over the results of his attempt to colonize his estates with gypsies. During the spring and early summer the tribes seemed perfectly happy in their new homes. Harvest time and the days of selecting recruits for the army came however. The gypsies, fearing work and service, picked up their belongings a few weeks ago and silently stole away.

For Christopher Columbus.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Secretary of the Navy Tracy has issued the following general order: "On the 21st of October, 1892, occurs the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, to whom Italy gave birth and Spain an opportunity of immortal achievement. All vessels of war of the United States commission in United States waters will at noon fire a salute of twenty-one guns, with the Italian and Spanish flags displayed side by side at the masthead. At all navy-yards and stations where there are no vessels a salute of twenty-one guns will be fired, the flags being displayed in the same manner from the principal flagstaff of the yard."

French Forces in Dahomey.

MARSEILLES, Oct. 18.—The Compagnie Fraissanete state that they have advices that the French forces operating against the king of Dahomey met an unexpected resistance near Cana.